

Zinda Saloon  
844 Main Street  
Stevens Point  
Portage County  
Wisconsin

HABS No. WI-295

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## ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Wisconsin	COUNTY Portage	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Stevens Point
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Zinda Saloon - Source: Stevens Point City Directories, 1912, 1915-16		EABS NO. WI 295
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE The Town Clown/Square Bar		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 844 Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1912, 1915-16; Sanborn-Perris Map, City of Stevens Point, 1912 with 1915 corrections.		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) None
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This building delineates the northern boundary of the historically significant Public Square west of Second Street in the City of Stevens Point. Although this building was not considered significant on its own merits, it was by virtue of its location on the Public Square. The Zinda Saloon building was constructed between 1912 and 1915 by (cont. next sheet).		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The building has a wooden structural system with brick walls. The foundation is stone block. The original first floor storefronts have been replaced with more modern materials in the past thirty years.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTED) The building is square, measuring 45 feet on each side. It is two stories in height with four storefronts on the first floor and four apartments on the second. The storefronts have (cont. next sheet).		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The most notable feature on this building is the decorative brickwork on the cornice and upper facade. The arched pattern matches other buildings on the square along its western boundary which date from the 1890's. This patterning was an attempt to blend this comparatively newer structure in with older buildings already standing at the time of its construction.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) None. The first and second floors have all been remodeled over the past thirty years. The first is divided into the equal storefronts; the western with an entrance in the center of its facade and the eastern with a corner entrance. The second floor is subdivided into four apartments reached by a single staircase. The first apartment uses (cont. next sheet).		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES There have been no major additions to the building. The second was altered at some point subdividing what had been one apartment into three on the western half of the buildings. Both first floor storefronts have been remodeled; probably in the 1950's.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The City of Stevens Point presently owns the building. It will be moved 60 feet due west at some point in 1985 as part of the downtown revitalization program. The apartments on (cont. next sheet).		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This building has been acquired and will be demolished as part of the Stevens Point Downtown Revitalization Program which is being partially funded by an Urban Development Action Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) City Directories, City of Stevens Point, 1912, 1915-16; Sanborn-Perris Map, City of Stevens Point, 1912. (Both sources are found in the local Archives Collection of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point).		
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**SIGNIFICANCE** August Zinda for his business. The saloon was in the west half of the building and Edward Razner's Men's Furnishings was in the eastern half. Over the years, numerous commercial activities used the eastern half of the building, although saloons and taverns under various operators have always occupied the western half except during Prohibition. None of the several store owners and saloon operators are considered significant to the history of the City or the region.

The architecture of the building is common to late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial design and is not considered architecturally significant by NRHP standards.

**SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE** - separate front and rear entrances. Access to the second floor apartments is reached by an internal staircase on the northeast corner of the building.

**INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE** - the entire eastern half of the building. The other three use the western half and share two common baths.

**PRESENT CONDITION AND USE** - The apartments on the second floor are all occupied as are the storefronts. The Square Bar is still operating. The Town Clown ice cream store has moved out and the space is presently being used by the mall contractor for field office space.